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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SPD LEASDERS CALL FOR PARTY UNITY

1. NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) WILLY BRANDT AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN HELMUT SCHMIDT APPEALED TO THEIR FELLOW SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FOR UNITY AND SOLIDARITY AT MEETING OF NATIONAL SPD BOARD ON MAY 16 AND 17 BERLIN. SCHMIDT ALSO REGRETTED PUBLIC CRITICISM FROM SPD MEMBERS REGARDING FRG GOVERNMENT AND PART WORK AND SUGGESTED THAT CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS BE DISCUSSED IN APPROPRIATE PARTY COMMITTEES.

2. BRANDT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RECENT UNREST WITHIN SPD BUT DID NOT EXPECT A SPLIT IN PART AS A RESULT OF BOARD DECISIONS TO SUSPEND KLAUS-UWE BENNETER FROM HIS DUTIES AS JUSO CHAIRMAN, AND RECOMMENDED HE BE EXPELLED FROM PARTY. BRANDT NOTED THAT NEW DECISION WAS

NECESSARY BECAUSE BERLIN COURT HAD CANCELLED BOARD DECISION OF APRIL 26. BRANDT REFUSED COMMENT ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO JSUOS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BENNETER. HE NOTED ONLY THAT BOARD DECISION WAS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE JUSOS AS A WHOLE OR UNCLASSIFIED

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AGAINST A WEING OF PARTY. (ACCORDING TO SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS, BRANDT WOULD LIKE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN JUSOS WHO ONLY EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH BENNETER FROM THOSE WHO IDENTIFY WITH HIS VIEWS.)

3. IN SPITE OF SPD'S PRESENT TROUBLES, BRANDT WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PARTY'S FUTURE WHICH, HE SAID, "IS NOT AS BLACK AS IT IS PAINTED". HE PROMISED THAT PARTY WOULD ELIMINATED ALL WEAKNESSES

BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. PARTICULARLY, CRONYISM IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE ELIMINATED AND "PARTIES WITHIN THE PARTY" WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. PARTY BOARD ALSO DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF COMBATTING TERRORISM AND SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH WORK.

4. GOVERNING MAYOR DIETRICH STOBBE ALSO ADDRESSED MEETING AND CALLED FOR A "BAN ON THE NIGHTMARE OF FAULT-FINDING IN BERLIN" AND AN END TO THE MOOD OF SELF-PITY AND ILL-HUMOR. THIS SHOULD BE REPLACED BY SELF-CONFIDENCE FOUNDED ON HARD WORK BY PEOPLE OF BERLIN. GEORGE

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